

Docket No.: 4915-001

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	
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Ian Grant MAWSTON	:	Confirmation No.7975
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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/526,961	:	Group Art Unit: 1795
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Filed: March 7, 2005	:	Examiner: RIPA, Bryan D
For:		
SURFACE TREATMENT OF MAGNESIUM AND ITS ALLOYS		

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

By Official Action mailed August 28, 2009 restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims 1-29, drawn to a method of polishing and/or brightening a magnesium or magnesium alloy surface.**
- II. Claim 30, drawn to a magnesium or magnesium alloy surface.**

In response, Applicants hereby elect **Invention I - claims 1-29** for examination in this case.

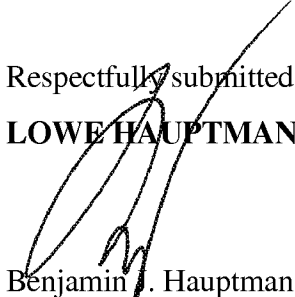
The election is made without traverse.

Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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